

2. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a machine readable feature on the transaction card near a side opposite the auxiliary member.

14. (Amended) The assembly of claim 11, wherein the machine-readable feature is one of a barcode and an electronic device.

15. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the transaction card meets ANSI and ISO specifications for edge roughness.

28. (Amended) A transaction card assembly comprising:
a transaction card having a machine-readable feature, a long edge and a short edge that is shorter than the long edge; and
at least one auxiliary member attached at the long edge of the card in an edge-to-edge fashion, the transaction card and the at least one auxiliary member arranged to allow the at least one auxiliary member and the transaction card to be separated without tools, the transaction card meeting ANSI and ISO specifications for a transaction card after being separated from the at least one auxiliary member.

30. (Amended) The assembly of claim 29, wherein the transaction card including the magnetic strip meets ANSI and ISO specifications for edge roughness.

57. (Amended) A method for forming a transaction card assembly having a transaction card and at least one auxiliary member, comprising:
providing a single sheet of material;
cutting at least a transaction card and an auxiliary member from the sheet of material so that the transaction card meets ANSI and ISO specifications for edge smoothness and the transaction card and auxiliary member are joined together at a line of weakness in the sheet of material; and
providing a machine-readable feature on at least one of the transaction card and the auxiliary member.

58. (Amended) The method of claim 57, further comprising:
providing a line of weakness between the transaction card and the auxiliary member so
that the transaction card meets ANSI and ISO specifications for edge smoothness after being
separated without tools from the auxiliary member.

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78. (Amended) A transaction card assembly comprising:
two transaction cards each having a magnetic strip and meeting ANSI and ISO specifications for
transaction cards that are joined along short edges of the transaction cards, the transaction cards
being separable from each other without tools and meeting ANSI and ISO specifications for edge
smoothness after separation.

Please add new claims 79 and 80 as follows:

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79. (New) A transaction card assembly comprising:
a transaction card portion including indicia used to associate a transaction with an issue of the
transaction card assembly, the indicia on the transaction card portion uniquely identifying the
transaction card assembly from other transaction card assemblies in a plurality of transaction
card assemblies;
an auxiliary member portion that is attached to the transaction card portion in an edge-to-
edge fashion and includes a keytag portion, the keytag portion and transaction card portion being
separable without the use of tools; and
a removable element attached to one of the transaction card portion and the auxiliary
member portion, the removable element including indicia that corresponds to the indicia on the
transaction card;
wherein the transaction card portion and the auxiliary member portion are not connected
to any other transaction card portion that includes indicia different from the indicia on the
transaction card portion, and the transaction card portion meets ANSI and ISO transaction card
specifications for edge smoothness after being separated from the auxiliary portion without tools.

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80. (New) The transaction card assembly of claim 79, wherein the removable element
is one of a removable label and a perforated section of the auxiliary member portion.